

9 IN ENGLAND

improvements effected on the island. The subject-
was never exhausted. Dolly would
expatiate on all
these wonderful things, and Frank would
encourage
her to go on, and even find fault with
her for not
saying enough. Then Jenny Montrose
would em-
broider the tale, to Fritz's keen
delight,

In a word, the time sped, and James
Wolston
and his wife quite made up their minds
to leave the
Cape for New Switzerland. During
the voyage
of the corvette home and out again,
Wolston would
employ himself winding up his affairs
and realising
his capital; he would be ready to start
directly the
Unicorn reappeared; and he would be
one of the
first emigrants to the island.

The last good-byes had to be said at
length, with
the comforting reflection that in
another eight or
nine months they would be at Cape
Town again,
and that then they would all put to sea
together-,
outward bound for New Switzerland.
Neverthe-
less, the parting was a painful one. Jenny
Montrose
and Susan Wolston mingled their kisses
with tears,
to which Dolly's were added. The child
was much
distressed by Frank's departure, and
his heart, too,
was heavy, for he had grown very fond

of her* As
he and his brother clasped James
Wolston's hand
they could assure themselves that they
were leaving
there a true friend indeed*
The *Unicorn* put to sea on the 27th, in
somewhat
overcast weather* Her passage was
of average